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Mr. Christopher Penny, P.E.
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Re: Review of the Responses to USEPA and PREQB Comments dated December 21, 2006, to the Final ERA and Phase II SI Work Plan, Former Vieques Naval Training Range (VNTR), Vieques, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Penny:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) have completed the review of the Responses to EPA and EQB comments, dated January 10, 2007, to the Final Expanded Range Assessment (ERA) and Phase II Site Inspection (SI) Work Plan, Former Naval Training Range (VNTR), Vieques, Puerto Rico, dated April 2006.

Our review indicates that there are outstanding issues that have not been fully addressed by the Navy. Enclosed please find EQB concerns with the Navy responses to their comments. EPA and EQB agree that the technical approach in the work plan is not impacted by the outstanding issues between the agencies. Therefore, EPA approves the Final Expanded Range Assessment (ERA) and Phase II Site Inspection (SI) Work Plan with the incorporation of the changes to the work plan presented in your letter of January 10, 2007.

We remain available to meet with you to go over these outstanding concerns. If you have any questions, please contact me at (787) 741-5201.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Rodriguez", is placed above the typed name.

Daniel Rodriguez
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Enclosures (1)

cc: Yarissa Martinez, EQB, w/ encl.
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